



City of Lynchburg is Asking Residents to Grade Progress

Lynchburg residents have the opportunity to answer the City’s question, “How are we doing?” in a short community survey. Information gathered from the survey will be used several ways. According to Mayor Joan Foster the results will serve as one of the tools in helping City Council and staff understand how citizens gauge our collective efforts in making Lynchburg “A great place to live, work and play.”

“The results of this community survey, along with the input we receive from citizens when we conduct the biennial Citizens Survey in 2017, will give City Council a wealth of information and will help us make better decisions regarding how we consider funding choices for services, programs and capital improvements,” said Mayor Foster.

The survey is based on a report compiled by staff for City Council regarding the 12 areas or pillars that support Council’s vision of making Lynchburg “A great place to live, work and play.” Those pillars are: Arts and Culture, Citizen Engagement and Social Capital, Economic Development, Healthy and Active Living, Infrastructure, Land Use, Lifelong Learning, Natural and Environmental Resources, Neighborhoods, Safe Community, Social Equity, and Transportation. The survey lists examples of accomplishments in each of the 12 pillars to assist citizens in determining what they believe the City’s progress has been from July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016.

Anyone wishing to complete the survey should visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/LYH2016. Paper copies are available at several locations throughout the City including all neighborhood centers, both the main and downtown branches of the Lynchburg Public Library, the Department of Human Services and at the Citizens First information desk at City Hall.

Anyone completing the survey and providing contact information will be eligible to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to a local restaurant. You must be a Lynchburg City resident to win. The survey deadline is October 25, 2016.



Lynchburg Featured in Where to Retire Magazine

Lynchburg has been selected a top retirement destination by *Where to Retire*, the only magazine in America geared toward helping people with retirement relocation decisions. Lynchburg is profiled in a feature titled “7 Low-Cost Cities” in the November/December 2016 issue.

Where to Retire Editor Annette Fuller said the annual low-cost cities feature is for those who want un-plundered financial accounts and no shortchange in lifestyle. “Many places across the country have qualities and amenities that appeal to retirees, but cost of living often is a primary factor in the relocation decision. Our seven cities, including Lynchburg, keep retirees busy with cultural events, varied shopping and dining experiences, and outdoor adventure, without a heavy cost-of-living burden,” Fuller said.

Each year, 700,000 Americans relocate to new towns to retire. Generally, relocating retirees are healthier, better educated and more affluent than those who choose to not relocate. They bring significant economic benefits to their new states and hometowns. Nationally, two dozen states and hundreds of towns seek to attract retirees as a source of economic development.

The seven low-cost cities are: Bullhead City, AZ; Cleveland, TN; Idaho Falls, ID; Laramie, WY; Lynchburg, VA; Myrtle Beach, SC; and Palm Coast, FL.

Parks and Recreation Calendar of Events

Lynchburg Parks and Recreation is your source for fun! Check out the following events, and find many more at www.LynchburgParksAndRec.com or pick up an Activity Guide at Miller Center, 301 Grove Street.

Zombie Laser Tag

Friday, October 21
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. • Ages 7+
Riverside Park • Lynchburg Resident \$15 / Non-Resident \$23

This realistic game introduces new wireless headbands, worn by the zombies that have the capacity to disable laser guns and guarantee effective headshots for a realistic zombie slaying effect. Costumes are encouraged, and prizes can be won for the following categories: scariest zombie, funniest zombie, best zombie couple, best zombie hunter, and best zombie hunter team. Equipment may be heavy for small children. Register by 10/19.

Veterans Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Ages 20+
Moose Lodge 715, 2307 Lakeside Drive
FREE for Veterans / \$6 for Non-Veterans

Join us as we salute the men and women who have so proudly served our country. Enjoy the comradery, buffet lunch, door prizes, entertainment and moving remarks from our area Veterans. Free to all Veterans who register by 11/7; call 455-4115 to register. Non-Veterans Tickets \$6 on sale 10/10 – 11/7.

Opera on the James Presents: The Magic Flute

Saturday, November 12, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. • All Ages
Miller Center Theatre, 301 Grove Street • FREE

A family friendly presentation of this classic Mozart opera, *The Magic Flute* tells a charming, fantastic story that includes a bird seller, a captured princess, a prince who wants to rescue her, an evil Queen of the Night, a wise man and, of course, a magic flute.

Community Development Department Awarded 2016 Organization of the Year

The City of Lynchburg’s Community Development Department was recently awarded the 2016 Organization of the Year by the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials. The Department was recognized for its Professional Development Program that encourages cross-training of employees to provide more cost effective and efficient service delivery. To date, more than 50% of the Department’s employees have participated in this effort.

Kent White, Department Director, applauded the staff for helping take the idea from concept to reality and finding new and innovative ways to connect to resources within the department, the city and the community.



L-R: Kevin Henry, Zoning Administrator; Keith Wright, Neighborhood Services Manager; Rob Fowler, Planning & Zoning Administrator for Prince Edward County; Kent White, Director of Community Development; Seated: Jason Tyree, Building Code Enforcement Officer.

Second Annual Recycling Fair and Tire Collection

On Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon, the City of Lynchburg will host the Second Annual Recycling Fair and Tire Collection at the Public Works Department, 1700 Memorial Avenue. City residents can dispose of old tires and have documents securely shredded by the Kodiak Shredder Truck. There is no charge for these services. Educational materials related to recycling and environmental sustainability will also be available at the fair.



Residents can bring up to two (2) banker’s boxes of paper documents to be shredded on site. Large metal clips and binders should be removed in advance. No more than ten (10) tires per resident may be brought for recycling.

The Recycling Fair and Tire Collection event is open to Lynchburg City residents only. Residents must bring their ID or a copy of a recent City of Lynchburg water bill. **This event is not intended for businesses.** The fair will take place rain or shine.

Upcoming Events at the Lynchburg Museum



Veterans Day at Point of Honor

Friday, November 11
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
112 Cabell Street • Free Admission

Care of Textiles with Colleen Callahan

Friday, November 11
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Lynchburg Museum, 901 Court Street
\$10 per person, Members Free

Please join us for a program on caring for antique textiles by Colleen Callahan. This program is presented in conjunction with the exhibit *A Feast for the Eyes: Quilts and Textiles from Central Virginia*. Light refreshments will be served and the exhibit will be open for tours following the presentation.



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Department of Emergency Services



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www.lynchburgva.gov/recruitment-information